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PSC SETS LOCAL PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE IN OSAGE WATER COMPANY RATE REQUESTS

Jefferson City (October 21, 2003)---The Missouri Public Service Commission will hold a local public hearing in **Camdenton**, **Missouri**, **on January 13, 2004**, to receive customer comment on water and sewer rate requests filed by the Osage Water Company. The local public hearing schedule appears below:

Camdenton

January 13, 2004

Mid-County Fire Protection District Building 184 N. Highway 5 **6:00 pm***

NOTE: *The PSC Staff will conduct a general information session starting at this time to answer any questions customers may have. The information session will last 30 minutes with the local public hearing to follow. The local public hearing will begin at 6:30 pm and will conclude no later than 8:30 pm.

Local public hearings give customers of the Company an opportunity to comment on the rate proposal currently before the Public Service Commission. In addition, customers can bring any service related problems to the attention of the Commission.

Formal hearings in this case are scheduled to begin on **February 9, 2004,** in Room 310 of the Governor Office Building, 200 Madison Street, in Jefferson City. These hearings will continue through February 13, 2004, if necessary.

A residential customer using 4,000 gallons of water a month currently pays \$24.10 a month for that amount of water. Under the rate filing, the Osage Water Company is seeking to increase that to \$28.19 a month for 4,000 gallons of water. A residential sewer customer currently pays \$26.03 a month for sewer service. That would increase to \$32.54 a month under the Company's proposal.

The Osage Water Company serves approximately 300 water customers and 250 sewer customers in Camden County.